



## REBUILD IOWA OFFICE (RIO) LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY

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### RIO MISSION:

The Rebuild Iowa Office will lead the State of Iowa's efforts to rebuild safer, stronger and smarter in the wake of the 2008 severe storms and catastrophic flooding.

### RIO VISION:

We envision a resilient Iowa that will be safe, sustainable and economically strong for its people, reaffirming its ties to the land, rivers, environment and rich cultural history.

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### WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM?

Iowa has received over \$1.4 billion in disaster assistance. The Rebuild Iowa Office has detailed the sources below (current as of 01/23/09).

<b>\$530 Million</b>	State/FEMA Public Assistance
<b>\$257 Million</b>	U.S. Small Business Administration Loans
<b>\$135 Million</b>	State/FEMA Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance
<b>\$85 Million</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Round CDBG Disaster Funds
<b>\$72 Million</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round CDBG Disaster Funds
<b>\$125 Million</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round CDBG Disaster Funds
<b>\$62 Million</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture Funds
<b>\$40 Million</b>	Start-up Funding for Jumpstart Iowa Housing and Business
<b>\$23.5 Million</b>	Executive Council Action
<b>\$25 Million</b>	Iowa Finance Authority tax credits
<b>\$23 Million</b>	U.S. Department of Transportation Funds
<b>\$17.1 Million</b>	Labor/Jobs Assistance
<b>\$11 Million</b>	Social Services Block Grant
<b>\$6.5 Million</b>	Disaster Unemployment Assistance
<b>\$4 Million</b>	Economic Development/Transportation funds
<b>\$4 Million</b>	RSP/ISP Crisis Counseling Grant
<b>\$500,000</b>	College Assistance to Families

### RIO FUNDING

The Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) is funded through a \$3 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant and an \$850,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Both funding sources are federal dollars. The EDA dollars are only allowed to fund specific tasks such as economic impact studies, disaster recovery planning, damage assessments and the work of the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission and its Task Forces. The Rebuild Iowa Office's CDBG money comes from funds earmarked for administrative purposes. Both sources of funding can not be

used to directly assist Iowans impacted by the disaster and only provide a certain amount of support for the office until June 30, 2010. Without other funding, the Rebuild Iowa Office could see a significant decrease in its capacity to provide services and oversight of the statewide recovery efforts starting approximately January 2010.

The Economic Development Administration is closely monitoring the success of the Rebuild Iowa Office, while the office assesses and

completes a comprehensive disaster recovery plan. The Economic Development Administration intends to use the Rebuild Iowa Office as a model for other states to follow with future disasters. The Rebuild Iowa Office has already served as a model for a disaster recovery office that is currently being developed in Texas.

While federal dollars fund specific projects in the state, the primary focus of the Rebuild Iowa Office is to help the people impacted by last summer's disaster.

